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1. IN CONVERSATION NOVEMBER 27 FOREIGN MINISTRY DESK OFFICER FOR ZAIRE (JAENEN) EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH RESULTS OF VISIT TO BELGIUM OF MPR DELEGATION HEADED BY POLITICAL DIRECTOR NGUZA. JAENEN SAID THAT FOLLOWING VISIT, BELGIAN-ZAIRIAN RELATIONS SEEMED TO BE "BACK ON RIGHT TRACK." HE NOTED IN THIS REGARD COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE TAKEN BY NGUZA IN INTERVIEW IN NOVEMBER 27 ISSUE OF "SPECIAL." IN INTERVIEW NGUZA EXPRESSES INTEREST IN CLOSER COOPERATION WITH BELGIUM AND, WHILE DISPLAYING GRATITUDE FOR WARM RECEPTION BY BELGIAN SOCIALISTS, POINTS OUT THAT ZAIRE'S INTERLOCUTOR IN BELGIUM IS NOT SOCIALIST PARTY BUT BELGIAN GOVERNMENT.

2. IN ADDITION TO CONVERSATIONS REPORTED IN BRUSSELS REFTTEL, NGUZA MET WITH PRIME MINISTER TINDEMANS AS WELL AS PIERRE HARMEL AND ANDRE DEQUAE, PRESIDENT OF SENATE AND CHAMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES, RESPECTIVELY. ACCORDING TO JAENEN, NOVEMBER 18 MEETING WITH TINDEMANS LASTED ABOUT 45 MINUTES AND WAS MAINLY FOR PROTOCOLARY PURPOSES. CONVERSATION REPORTEDLY DEALT IN GENERAL WAY WITH SAME SUBJECTS COVERED WITH FOREIGN MINISTER
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COOPERATION. TINDEMANS NOTED HIS EXPECTATION THAT TALKS AT
TECHNICAL LEVEL WOULD PREPARE WAY FOR RENEWED DIALOGUE AT
POLITICAL LEVEL. HE ALSO ASKED NGUZA TO TAKE BACK TO PRESIDENT
MOBUTU MESSAGE THAT TINDEMANS WAS PLEASED THAT TWO SIDES COULD
GET TOGETHER AGAIN OFFICIALLY TO WORK OUT PROBLEMS.FIRESTONE

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